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2024 Candidate Questionnaire

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Candidate name: Emily LeClaire

Office seeking: MN State House of Representatives

Legislative District: 06B

Main Cities in the Legislative District: Brainerd, Baxter, Nisswa, Breezy Point, Pequot Lakes, Jenkins City and Township, Center Township, Long Lake Township, West Crow Wing Unorganized, Pelican Township, and Lake Edward Township

Political Party: Democratic-Farmer-Labor

Question 1.) Do you support the current law which allows for recreational hunting of wolves in Minnesota at the discretion of the DNR?

Candidate Response: I do not support the hunting of wolves. While I understand a need for balance in nature, I also know that we have seen populations of species dip after being removed from the endangered list. I feel less interference, not more, is the most natural way to course correct at this time.

Question 2.) Do you support a ban on public wolf hunting and trapping in Minnesota?

Candidate Response: While I don't personally hunt, I do support deer hunting, as I see a benefit to it. It can provide families with food, that can be a scarce resource for many, and we know that large deer populations can lead to a plethora of issues for the deer herds and others in the ecosystem. That said, I do not condone hunting wolves. We do not use them for food, and any other use, such as the warmth of a pelt, is already met through other means. Therefore, it would be immoral to hunt them for sport.

Question 3.) Do you support trapping reforms to eliminate snaring - a type of trapping that uses cheap wire nooses to catch animals? (

Candidate Response: I support reforms that make hunting as humane as possible, including eliminating snaring in non-survival situations.

Question 4.) Do you support requiring permission to trap on private property?

Candidate Response: Absolutely, one should have permission of the landowner for any and all types of hunting.

Question 5.) Do you support renewing adequate state funding to help farmers, wolves, and communities coexist by supporting smart and nonlethal strategies that prevent conflicts?

Candidate Response: Yes, we need to stand behind our farmers and their need to protect their livestock, while also protecting wild animals populations. Doing so will require adequate funding which I support.

FINAL: Please feel free to provide any additional comments relating to your responses above.

Candidate Response: *Wolves hold a sacred place here in Minnesota, and we owe it to them to protect them. This was their home first, not ours.*